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Our Immigration System - A First Line Of Defense

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It is a singular honor to address an organization that through the years has been a voice rather than an echo in the affairs of this Republic. Today every major issue must be considered in the light of one over-riding fact, and that is that the Soviet Union and its satellites, controlling one-third the population and one-fourth the land mass of this globe, is now and has been at war with the one nation in the world that stands in its way of world domination, the United States of America.

It is a war which has already cost us billions of our treasure, the blood of our youth; it is a total war, a political war, an economic war, a psychological war, a diplomatic war, global war, and it is a war which I report to you as one who is at a nerve center of anti-Communist work of this government, which we are losing both domestically and internationally.

In that war a first line of defense is our immigration system. Beginning in 1947 a special committee of the Senate, the staff of which I had the duty to direct, began an intensive study and investigation of the various immigration systems of the world. In that study and investigation we were immediately impressed by the intimate relationship between the immigration systems of the world and the world-wide communist conspiracy.

Subversive Organizations Established

We learned, first of all, that back in 1922 the Communist Internationale in Moscow established an organization known as the International Red Aid, with three purposes: first, the movement and deployment of communists and those most pliable to communist discipline; second, to fight deportations within the various nations of the world; and third, to work within the West among the aliens and nationality groups for the communist objectives.

Within ten years the International Red Aid had penetrated deeply into sixty-seven countries. They had 83,000 organizations and various subsidiary groups controlled by 40,000 highly placed communist functionaries. They had an aggregate membership of eleven and a half million. Within the United States, the American section of the IRA was organized in 1925, known as the International Labor Defense, and this organization within ten years developed eight hundred branch subsidiary organizations within the United States—such groups as the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, Committees to Save Refugees, and the like—they had an aggregate membership of 225,000.

Running parallel with this operation the National Groups Commission of the Communist Party established such groups as the International Workers Order, Cultural Societies, the American Slav Congress, and the like, to work among aliens and nationality groups within the United States.

They also supplemented and implemented this operation by what they then and now still call a united front tactic, namely, to coalesce or work together with non-communist and even anti-communist groups on specific immigration objectives without the revelation of their overall objectives. How successful they were is evident by a few facts which I should like to bring to your attention.

Investigation Reveals Startling Facts

In our study, we received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, via the Justice Department, an analysis of five thousand of the more militant cases of communists in the United States. Of these, 91.5 percent were foreign-born, married to foreign-born or of foreign parents, and one-half traced their ancestry to Russia or its satellites. We found in the course of that investigation three to five million illegal aliens in the United States, thousand of warrants outstanding for the deportation of communists, criminals and other subversives, completely unenforceable.

We found a complete breakdown in the enforcement of the immigration laws. In New York City alone, for example, in one year's time we found that they had stamped "Closed" and filed away between fifty and seventy-five thousand cases of illegal aliens and they had an outstanding order that there would be no free lance investigation to undertake to apprehend them.

We went to Miami, Florida, and there we saw stacked up on the desk of the District Director of the Immigration Service scores of files on cases of foreign subversives, international agents en route to the United States via Cuba. We said, "How can you intercept these people?" and they said, "We can't. There is an outstanding order by the State Department that all documentation is waived for all persons coming into this country from Cuba ostensibly for less than twenty-nine days"—and we knew there were fifty thousand communists then in Havana, alone.

We returned to Washington and we asked the State Department about it and they said, "The law says we may waive documentation in certain emergency cases so we gave a blanket order." And we said, "What was the emergency?" and the answer was, "The emergency is the terrific pressure we are under to get people into the United States."

Immigration And Nationality Act Under Attack

Open Our Shores To Hordes Of Immigrants Of All Nationalities

security clearance. The process of security investigation has become more rigorous and time-consuming, and even where the visa is finally issued, the nature of the process may diminish international good will toward the United States."

That report was circulated all over the United States and reprinted by the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, the head of which is Abner Green, International Communist Agent.

Enactment of Refugee Relief Act

The ink was hardly dry on the Immigration and Nationality Act before the drive began for another law, the so-called Refugee Relief Act. I headed the staff that made the investigation of the refugee situation in Europe. At that time we came back with the sworn testimony of the top flight immigration officers and top flight security officers of this government in Europe, that 40 percent of the so-called refugees from the satellites and the Soviet Union were in the subversive or criminal category; 30 percent in Western Germany were either communist agents, sympathizers or security risks; that there were an estimated 60,000 Red agent "sleepers" in the pipeline waiting to come to the United States. We came back also with the sworn testimony that it would be impossible to screen them out.

But the Refugee Relief Act was passed with 214,000 more to be brought into the United States, and then what happened? Well, the late and great Senator Pat McCarran, Representative Francis Walter, and the man who addressed you just an evening or so ago, Senator Jenner, insisted that we at least have a good man head the screening, and so Almanzo Tripp—remember him—was designated to head the screening operations and he was brought to Washington, and he brought into Washington the key immigration officers to school them in techniques of screening out subversives. Within a week's time, I received a phone call from the head of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

He said, "We just piped into a meeting down in New York City of what we might call a 'liberal' group, and a man got up there and said, 'We are going to have to have Tripp knocked off.'" The head of the Immigration and Naturalization Service said, "Don't worry about it, however; we think we can hold it off."

Within another ten days I got a phone call from Tripp, himself, and he said, "I just got my orders. I am to be completely removed from the Refugee Program."

We checked into it and found out that the man who got up in the meeting of this so-called "liberal" group in New York City came to Washington, talked to a man high in this government, who called in the Immigration Commissioner and said, "We have got to get rid of Tripp to keep peace in the family"—and Tripp was gotten rid of and the morale of the immigration screening officers was demolished.

Refugee Relief Act Liberalized

Robert C. Alexander was to head the visa issuing process of the Refugee Program—and how long did he last? Just a matter of a few months. But then a curious thing happened.

Within the course of another year the Refugee Relief Act, itself, was amended—amended to liberalize its own provisions to broaden the definition of a refugee so that it would encompass anyone, anywhere in the world, who was outside of his homeland. A specific provision was incorporated in the law waiving the security background checks, and then to add insult to injury, the scope of the law was broadened to encompass not refugees but the surplus population of Europe, estimated now to be 80 million, with 5 million

increase every year. The statistics reflect that actually, even with the broadened definition of refugee, most of those who were admitted under the refugee act were not refugees, but surplus population.

Exposure of Hungarian Refugees

What of the Hungarian Refugee Program? Here are the facts. On October 23, 1956, there were 600,000 communists in Hungary. That was the day that the revolution broke out—October 23, 1956. The communists did not stabilize and resume control of Hungary until November 15, 1956. In the interim, the Patriots were in control. During that period, thirty to forty thousand persons fled from Hungary into Austria.

It is impossible to identify who they are, except that those who then had reason to flee were from that group of the 600,000 communists, because the Patriots were then in control. On November 15th, the communists had then reasserted their control in Hungary. They took over and sealed the borders. Those who came out fell into one of two categories: first, the Freedom Fighters who were able to get through the machine gun nests that were established and, secondly, those whom the communists wanted to come out. The security officers have told us repeatedly that it is impossible to screen out the communists and subversives because background information simply is not available.

Administration Attack On Immigration And Nationality Act

What of the present situation on the Immigration and Nationality Act? About a year and a half ago the Attorney General of the United States came before the Senate Immigration Subcommittee to testify upon what were announced as "moderate revisions" of the Immigration and Nationality Act. He read a prepared statement. It was my responsibility as Staff Director of the Subcommittee to cross-examine him and to interrogate him. I was amazed to find he didn't know the provisions of the very bills he was endorsing and to which he was lending the prestige of his office. These bills would triple immigration and destroy the security safeguards of this government.

Thereafter, in about ten days the Secretary of State requested the opportunity to appear before the same committee and to read a prepared statement lending the prestige and dignity of his office to the movement. But the very morning he was to appear, an emissary came from the State Department and said, "The Secretary of State will not submit himself to any interrogation." And so I was silenced in my attempts to reveal the facts respecting the bills which he was supporting and which likewise would have emasculated our protective immigration system.

A Sneak Attack Was Made

During the last session of the Congress, on the very last day, to a routine bill that was then pending on the Senate calendar there were appended a series of amendments. They were not even printed, as is the custom in the Senate. They were not referred to a committee of the Senate. There was no committee report. There was no record vote, and on the very last day of the Congress, they were whisked through the Senate like water through a sieve and were lodged in the House of Representatives.

This series of amendments would have increased immigration, I tell you as one who is a technician in this field, from its normal 230,000 a year to around one million. would have destroyed the national origins quota system and would have emasculated the screening provisions.

Had it not been for Representative Francis

Recent Supreme Court Decisions Emphasize Danger

Walter of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee of the House of Representatives, who stood firm while the clock was ticking off the closing hours of the House of Representatives, those amendments would be the law now.

Origin Of Pressure To Emasculate And Destroy

Whence comes this pressure? We just concluded a series of hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee on what we call

Communist Political Subversion, in which we traced out over the country, organizations created by the Communist Party for the purpose of subverting legislative enactments.

In the field of immigration, alone, we found that in the course of the last three years the Communist Party has created, and now controls within the United States, in fifteen key states, 180 organizations dedicated exclusively to the purpose of creating grass roots pressure on the Congress to destroy the Walter McCarran Act.

COMMUNIST PARTY DECLARES ACTION

We also got in our hands, by ways which I shall not now discuss,—the resolutions passed by the recent National Convention of the Communist Party in New York City.

The No. 1 objective, legislative-wise, of the Communist Party in the United States is the destruction of the Immigration and Nationality Act—and let me tell you the greatest success they now have is that they have persuaded the so-called liberals and the large segments of the public at large that their drive is not communist at all; it is simply to liberalize and make more democratic and make more humane our present immigration system.

In this campaign they are articulate. They tell us (and we believe them) that they can have on Capitol Hill in seventy-two hours fifty thousand letters on any subject under the sun, through their various groups which they control or influence.

In this campaign, wittingly or unwittingly, they have ready allies in the professional immigration-alists, in the vote-hustling demagogues who would trade the security and welfare of this nation for so-called nationality bloc votes.

They know that each of the major political parties today maintains commissions, nationality commission for the purpose of wooing these nationality bloc votes. They know that in the White House now, the Secretary to the Cabinet, one of the most powerful men in this Government, has as his major responsibility to look after the interests of the nationality groups of this country, and I say to you, as I see my time has expired, that if they succeed, they shall have accomplished the No. 1 objective of the international communist operation, the destruction of the immigration system of the United States of America, our first line of defense.

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NEWS ITEM—Washington, D. C.—July 30, 1957:

Senate Immigration Subcommittee opened hearings today on President Eisenhower's program to permit increased immigration and give asylum to Hungarian refugees and other escapees from Communism. (How can the American citizen be assured they are sincere escapees from Communism?)

In addition to pressure of Administrative Department of Federal Government, it has been found that in the field of immigration alone, one hundred and eighty organizations (in fifteen key states) are dedicated exclusively to the purpose of creating grass root pressure on the Congress to destroy our protective immigration laws.

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